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O'DONOHUE *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/621,448

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For: **Methods for Producing L-Amino
Acids Using a *Corynebacterium
glutamicum* with a Disrupted *pgi*
Gene (As Amended)**

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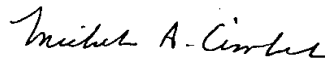
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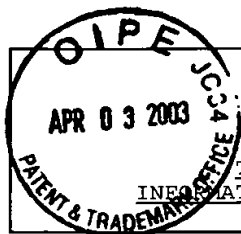
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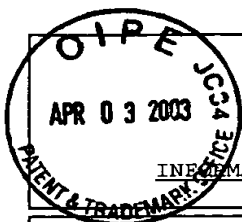
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